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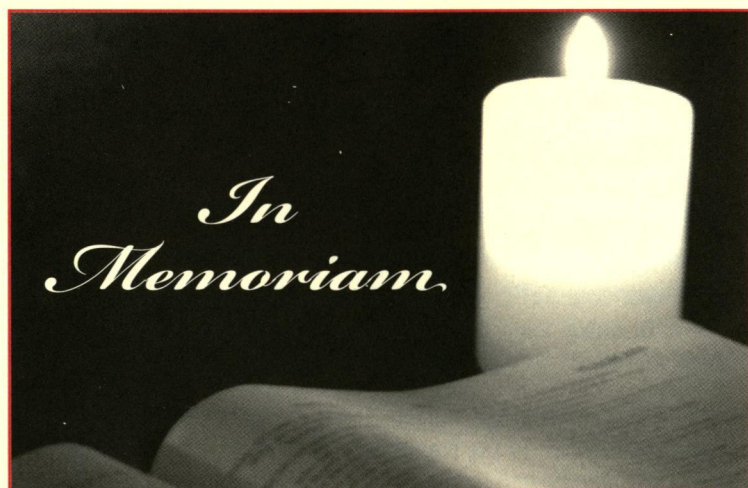
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Veteran Curator of Morrow Library at Marshall Dies

Submitted by Whitney Johnson

HUNTINGTON — Longtime curator of Special Collections in Morrow Library at Marshall University died Friday at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Lisle G. Brown, formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah, has served as the curator since 1972. He was 69.

"With Lisle's death, all of us who value local history have lost a hard-working colleague who shared our passion," said James E. Casto, the retired associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch and the author of a number of books on local history.

Prior to working at Marshall University, Brown worked as a manuscripts librarian, stacks manager and student assistant at University of Utah.

"Each time I approached a new history project, one of my first steps was to reach out to Lisle and enlist his help. He never failed to disappoint me," Casto said. "He not only searched the Marshall collection for pieces of whatever puzzle I was working on, he often suggested new areas of research I hadn't even thought of. He wasn't just a colleague, he became a friend who will be sadly missed."

Brown has been featured in more than 20 publications, including "West Virginia: A Historical Resource Guide" and a variety of research reviews.

He graduated from University of Utah with a bachelor's of fine arts in painting and drawing; a master's of library science from University of Oregon; master's of art in history and religious studies from Marshall University; and completed an Internet specialization program also at Marshall.

Brown also served on the West Virginia Historic Records Advisory Board.

"The library community and the community of scholars and friends who have had the privilege of encountering Prof. Lisle Brown during his tenure of over 40 years in the Marshall University libraries are saddened by his passing," said Dr. Monica García Brooks, assistant vice president for Information Technology: Online Learning and Libraries.

Brooks referred to Brown as the "driving force behind creation and development of the Special Collections," helping locate a variety of collections that were unique to the Huntington, Marshall and Tri-State area.

"His dedication to preserving and providing materials that enrich the scholarly and historical endeavors of the students, faculty, and residents of this region is unparalleled — we are reeling from this tremendous loss."

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President's Column

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Myra Ziegler

When I picked the  as in everyone must participate, I had no idea it was going to be so successful! It does seem that EVERYONE associated with WVLA has been busy. I am grateful and very very pleased.

Here in a nutshell are some of the things that are happening:

The nominating committee headed up by Monica Brooks has rounded up a wonderful slate of candidates for 2014. Look for that list elsewhere in this issue.

The site selection committee chaired by Brian Raitz is about to sign a contract for our conference site for 2014 and is considering places for 2015.

The ad hoc website committee headed up by Beth Royall and aided by web coordinator Jessica Tapia has been working VERY hard on the web site, <http://wvla.org>. I hope everyone took time to check their membership information as per Jessica's instructions which came via the list serv early in June.

The handbook committee with Chuck Julian in the lead has made several suggestions about changes that need to be made in the Handbook and the By-Laws in order to make WVLA function more efficiently in the digital age. The entire membership needs to vote on any By-Laws changes and we will be sending information about those proposed changes in September in preparation for a vote at Conference.

The Legislative Committee met June 18 to plan for the NEXT legislative session. While none of the legislation they had hoped to pass made it through a very busy and tumultuous session, they (or I should say "we" since so many were involved) did manage to pull off a miracle that resulted in an INCREASE in grants in aid to public libraries from \$5.00 per capita to \$5.09 per capita. And in a year when everyone else was getting cut!

A new roundtable has been formally recognized by the Executive Board. The Foundation Center West Virginia Cooperating Collections will focus on the dissemination of information pertaining to funding and granting resources.

Federal Relations coordinator, Penny Pugh, organized a large group of library supporters from all across West Virginia to attend National Library Day (May 8th) in Washington DC to visit our senators and representatives and lobby for libraries. The day was beautiful, informative and well organized but the news was not particularly optimistic. LSTA funds are down, school libraries are disappearing all over the country, and Senator Rockefeller, who has championed the e-rate that has helped so many libraries and schools with internet access, is retiring after this term.

Division and roundtable chairs are busy planning summers retreats and sessions for fall conference.

Speaking of Fall Conference (with capital letters), the Conference committee is ablaze with wonderful plans and ideas. Shepherdstown is such an interesting place to be. There are rumors of receptions and movies and maybe even a pub crawl! I can't wait.

That is just a sampling! WVLA is hoppin'. Stay tuned.

Myra Ziegler, President



The Continuing Education and Scholarship Committee

The Continuing Education and Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from WVLA members for continuing education workshops, conferences, and online workshops as well as applications for scholarships for the next academic year. Scholarship applications are due by July 31, 2013.

For questions see the website at http://wvla.org/content.php?page=West_Virginia_Library_Association_Scholarship or contact Gretchen Beach, Chair at beachgr@marshall.edu

WVLA Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: July 31, 2013

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Applicants must have been a member of WVLA for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
- 2) Must be pursuing a masters' degree from an ala-accredited institution or approved library certificate program.
- 3) Other grants maybe accepted in conjunction with the WVLA grant.
- 4) Scholarship is not based on need.

Name: _____ WVLA Member Since: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Work: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Current Position: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

ALA-Accredited Library School/Certificate Program: _____

Expected Date(s) of Study: _____

NOTE Please include the following information with your application, using as many additional pages as necessary:

- **Proof of acceptance** into a master's program or library certificate program (e.g., Copy of acceptance letter). For 2nd year grant a copy of grade or transcript must be submitted.
- **WVLA activities** (including, but not limited to, conferences attended, presentations made at conferences, committee services, roundtable-division activities, offices held)
- **References:** please supply names and contact information for two references who can speak to your ability to contribute to librarianship in West Virginia. One of these references should be a professional librarian.
- **Brief essay:** (approximately 250 words) stating your professional goals.
- **Financial need:** (100 words or less) you may include your financial need for a scholarship. This information will be kept confidential.

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATIONS TO:

Gretchen Beach, Chair, Continuing Education And Scholarship Committee

Marshall University, One John Marshall Drive,

Drinko 338, Huntington, WV 25755.

Email: beachgr@marshall.edu Telephone: 304-696-2312.

Public Libraries and Continuing Education— A Valuable Partnership

Submitted by John Paul Myrick

As you all know, the Library Commission has for years recorded the CE hours obtained by the state's public library workforce to insure that those required to meet minimum CE requirements (8 hours of CE per year for library directors, and 3 hours of CE per year for all full-time library support staff) have done so. We will continue to follow this practice as in the past. Libraries will still have to insure the compliance of this minimal requirement by their appropriate employees in order to receive grants-in-aid.

In recent years, many of those in the library workforce who recognized the need for more CE hours than those minimal requirements have worked very hard to obtain those hours. In the past, WVLC has not recorded these "overages". This year (FY 2013), we began recording them if requested by library/submitter. We also looked at those numbers in recent weeks to determine just how many persons were going "above and beyond" the call of duty.

It appears there are a lot of you out there who recognize the need for continuous improvement in your libraries and who have gone that "extra mile". I personally thank you and applaud your efforts!

We here at WVLC want to recognize those efforts. Beginning in FY 2014 (i.e., starting Monday), WVLC will record the CE hours of any public library worker, full time or part time, that requests that we do so. We will also award credit hours over and above those minimally required by statute. Any public library worker, part time or full time, who obtains 20 hours or more of CE contract/credit hours in a fiscal year, will receive an "Extra Mile" certificate from the Library Commission recognizing their achievement. Any public library worker who obtains 40 hours of more CE credit in a fiscal year will receive a "Above and Beyond" certificate from the Commission and a special gift to their library. The names of "Extra Mile" and "Above and Beyond" awardees will be forwarded to the Board Chairs of their respective libraries, as well as included in publicity efforts by the Library Commission.

This reward program is strictly voluntary. This effort at recognition will not change/alter the Administrative Rules regarding CE in any way. This program will simply recognize those that go "above and beyond" the requirements.

Please do remember basic requirements for CE credit, which can be found on WVLC's CE webpage, or in the Guidance Statement on the subject. The Administrative Rule very clearly states, "3.13.a. Continuing education hours must be approved in advance by the Library Commission." Any/All programs/conference/workshops attended must either be provided by the agencies on the pre-approved list (as on the webpage or in the Guidance Statement), or approval must be obtained from WVLC in advance. This year, we received many requests for credit long after persons attended workshops, and we had not approved the course for credit beforehand. We will monitor the approval process more stringently in FY 2014. All requests for credit received which do not have the necessary pre-approval will be disallowed.

My heartiest congratulations and warmest thanks to all of those in the state's public library workforce who ran the "extra mile", and went "above and beyond" in meeting CE requirements in FY 2013. You have made your libraries and your communities better places by doing so. We look forward to working with you in FY 2014, improving your communities, and creating a better West Virginia through our libraries.

John Paul Myrick
Library Development Director and Coordinator
West Virginia Center for the Book



**Join us
at the WVLA
Conference
Oct. 9-11**

WVLA Election Guidelines

Submitted by Myra Ziegler

At their June 7, 2013 meeting, the WVLA Executive Board approved the attached Slate of Officers for 2014 as presented by the nominating committee. If you wish to see someone placed on the ballot whose name does NOT appear on this list, you may nominate them using the procedure outlined in the WVLA Handbook. An excerpt of the pertinent handbook reference appears below but if you wish to nominate someone for a WVLA office, you should read the entire section about election procedures from the handbook and the by-laws as well as those sections that address the qualifications and duties for the various offices. Look for a copy of the Handbook and the Constitution and By-laws on the "Join" page!

PETITIONS:

1. Other candidates may be nominated upon petition by at least ten (10) members of the Association.
2. The petitioners must present the written consent of each nominee.
3. Petitions must be completed and received by the chair of the Nominating Committee at least thirteen (13) weeks before the Annual Conference.
4. Procedures for nomination by petition should be clearly stated with the Nominating Committee slate announcement.

Nomination committee chair is:

Monica Brooks, brooks@marshall.edu

The election will take place in August. Ballots with all the candidates will be made available either by mail (both e and snail) and on the website.

2014 WVLA Slate

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Amy Lilly

(Raleigh Co Public Lib) amy.lilly@raleigh.lib.wv.us

I have been the Director of the Raleigh County Public Library System for over 2 years, and in that time, I have focused on updating collections, integrating new technologies and advocating on behalf of libraries. Prior to this, I worked as a director of military base libraries and a school media specialist in the state of Maryland.

My primary concern as a librarian in West Virginia is the "wait and see" attitude towards incorporating technology. I often hear my fellow librarians say "my patrons don't want that" but I think it is important to realize that as more and more services migrate to online only access, we do a serious disservice to our patrons by hoping that technology goes away. Another concern is advocating when times are bad but failing to advocate when times are good. With funding for libraries a constant concern, we are all advised to advocate, advocate, advocate, and we should. We also need to advocate when you are not afraid to lose funding and you have community support. Advocacy should take place every day of the year so libraries can continue to provide a cornerstone for every community.

I believe as a profession, librarians can make a difference in their community, but there is no cookie cutter model for libraries. The needs of a large library system or academic library may be much different than a rural facility; however,

the core concepts of librarianship remain intellectual freedom, access to resources, privacy, democracy and diversity. We must determine the needs of our community, determine how best to fulfill those needs as a library and then support each other as professionals in exchanging ideas, resources and encouraging words. If elected, I will work hard to foster the exchange of ideas and work to create new and different learning opportunities for incorporating technology.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT: Gretchen Rae Beach (Marshall) beachgr@marshall.edu

- B.S. in Education w/ Library Certification, Clarion University of Pennsylvania '92
- MSLS, Clarion University of Pennsylvania '93

I have worn many hats and worked in many types of libraries since graduating in 1993. Currently, I am the Catalog & Digital Services Librarian at Marshall University and previous to that I was the Assistant Director at Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library. Previous to moving to West Virginia, I worked as a cataloger at a small liberal arts college in Meadville, PA and created a centralized technical services for 8 federated public libraries in Carlisle, PA.

I have been a member of and involved in WVLA since my move to West Virginia in 2008. Currently I am serving in WVLA as the Chair of the Academic Division and previously as Chair of the Technical Services roundtable and representative for the roundtables. I believe in serving in WVLA to further the cause of all libraries in the state.

2014 WVLA Slate (*continued*)

Ivonne Martinez

(Mountaintop Public Lib) ivonne.martinez@mail.nln.lib.wv.us

- MLIS University of Pittsburgh – 2007
- BA Indiana University – 1991

Ivonne worked at Georgetown University Medical Library between 1993-2008 as Circulation Desk Supervisor, Education Services Assoc. and Hospital Liaison Librarian. In 2007 she graduated from the University of Pittsburgh MLIS Fast Track program. In 2008, Ivonne and her husband Keith moved to wild and wonderful Davis, WV. Ivonne applied and was hired as the director for the town's public library. Aside from her daily administrative duties, she writes grants, organizes book sales, fund raising events, seeks donations, and speak frequently to local organizations. Ivonne is a member of the WVLA and presently serves as Chair for the Public Library Division.

Position Statement: Working as the director of a public library has been the hardest and most rewarding work she has ever done. By continuing to serve the WVLA, Ivonne wishes to increase membership involvement and commitment for the association's goals.

SECRETARY: Angie Strait

(Cabell Co Public Lib) angela.strait@cabell.lib.wv.us

Angie Strait is the current WVLA Secretary, and Assistant Director at Cabell County Public Library. Angie's first real job was as a Children's Librarian Assistant. She also spent several years in the business world before returning to libraries, her first love. She spent several years as the Youth Services Program Coordinator prior to working at Cabell County Public Library. Angie always made it a priority to include school systems, and advocating for and providing services to the surrounding communities.

As a member of the West Virginia Library Association, Angie has thoroughly enjoyed spending time with and learning from West Virginia Librarians. Angie is again anxious to be involved at the state level of library leadership.

Angie was previously a member of the Ohio Library Council where she served on the OLC Expo Committee, Regional Coordinator for Ohio Ready to Read, and many other duties.

Angie is currently the Assistant Director at Cabell County

Public Library, a member of WVLA, ALA, Huntington Rotary, Gallia County Local Schools Library Improvement Committee, Tri-State Leadership Alumni, Huntington WV Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinating Committee, Tri-State Literacy Council Treasurer, COSUGI Vice-Chair 2013-2014, Cabell-Wayne Homeland Security Committee and a newly appointed ALA-LLAMA Continuing Education Committee Member. She is a graduate of Marshall University and the University of North Texas. She resides with her husband and three children.

Angie has often said, "To do a job that you can go home and feel like you made a difference every day is very humbling." For libraries to continue as we have in past years, and remain relevant in our communities, we must find a way to receive consistent and constant funding. Advocating for West Virginia libraries is a part of our lives, and we must maintain a passion for libraries, to continue to be involved, to talk about what we do as libraries, and as librarians in our communities. We must maintain our relevance. The library should be a place where anyone can walk in and obtain information about anything. Too many people do not take advantage of the resources libraries offer, often because they don't know what we offer. WVLA can help teach us how to be better advocates in our communities. As librarians we need to learn to market libraries, and we must maintain and grow the community center atmosphere inherent to libraries. We must also work together for a common goal; the goal of maintaining and growing our library community. WVLA members have shown in the past, and they will continue in the future, to show just how important we are to our individual communities. WVLA can help sustain West Virginia libraries. We as librarians must be prepared to fight for what we love, together; we can make all the difference. WVLA!!

Jessica Marie Tapia

(WVU) Jessica.Tapia@mail.wvu.edu

I am the Multimedia and Web Services Librarian at West Virginia University and have worked for the WVU Libraries since 2007. I earned my BA in History and German from West Virginia University and my MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I am currently the website coordinator for WVLA. My previous experience in professional organizations includes serving on the Elections committee for WP/WVACRL, as Reference and ILL Roundtable Chair for WVLA, and as Roundtable Representative to the WVLA Executive Board.

2014 WVLA Slate (continued)

Statement of Concern: Having served on the WVLA Executive Board as Roundtable Representative and as current website coordinator, I believe I would make an excellent candidate for WVLA Secretary. As WVLA Secretary, I would take accurate minutes and make them available to the members of the Association promptly, as well as fulfill all other duties as outlined in the handbook.

TREASURER: Brian E. Raitz
(Parkersburg/Wood Co Public Lib) raitzb@park.lib.wv.us

WVLA Members, I am running for a second term as Treasurer of WVLA, and hope you will find me the best candidate for serving our association. I believe the following credentials will prepare me for the duties of the position:

- Library Director for Parkersburg & Wood Co. PL for 11 years.
- Class on Fraud and Embezzlement through local Chamber of Commerce, taught by Edward C. McMillan, CPA (Fraud Guru - <http://www.nonprofitguru.com/>).
- Member of WVLA Audit Committee for one year
- WVLA Public Library Chair
- WVLA 1st Vice President, President, and Past President
- WVLA Treasurer since December 2011

I have a strong desire to serve WVLA with my best talents. Those of you who know me can say I have a strange love of working with numbers, and that I am a stickler for following the rules. As Director, I am always looking for ways to make sure the money is well accounted for and that our procedures keep the integrity of the books as well as the people who handle them in good standing. I truly believe the Treasurer position is one of the most important positions in the association, and I would be honored to continue serving in that role.

If you have any further questions about me or my qualifications, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Brian E. Raitz
(wvlibrarydude@gmail.com)

Connie L. Shumate (Concord) cshumate@concord.edu

- MLIS University of South Carolina
- BA Concord College
- AA Beckley College

Served as Library Director of Wayne County Libraries and later as Director at Princeton Public Library, where she served as treasurer of the Board of Directors as well as treasurer of the fund raising committee for the new library that opened in 2010.

She currently serves as the Curator of the Princeton Railroad Museum and is the Interim Director of the J. Frank Marsh Library of Concord University. She was appointed to the West Virginia Library Commission as representative from the third Congressional District. She has been a member of WVLA for 20+ years and served as Chairperson of the Public Division, and has served as a teller.

Position Statement: West Virginia Libraries are one of our states greatest resources. By continuing the work that has been accomplished by the Association through the years, we can assure a better future for those who may follow.



Have You Thanked a Librarian Today (Or Even Hugged One)?

Submitted by Olivia L. Bravo

I cannot remember a time when librarians were not a part of my life – even before I learned that you had to go to library school to be one!

My parents and grandparents saw to it that I read and listened to pretty much everything. My grands were illiterate migrants from Mexico who came to the US to have a better life for their children. My parents were migrants as children and did not want that life for their children. I and my brothers benefitted greatly from their foresight.

Mom and Dad took me to the library every Saturday morning for story time. This took place in the basement Children's room of the stunningly beautiful old Blanchard Library in Santa Paula CA, before the library was moved to the old Safeway building. It was enchanting. Books were not as illustrated or varied as they are today but the children's librarian made them come alive with her delivery and body language full of enthusiasm.

Grandma used to walk me to the library twice a week so I could just wander through the creaky old stacks. It was always dark and mysterious. She could not read or speak English but helped me pick out books because they were colorful. (That memory reminds me now when a patron asks for a book that was "blue, red, etc.). I had to read the book and tell her what it was about. Even though she spoke no English and I was forbidden to speak Spanish to her, she somehow understood me – and I her. The grands wanted me to learn English so I would succeed in the US. Besides reading things like World Book Encyclopedia, Grandma selected The Virginian and Black Beauty series for me to read, she made sure I sat in front of the television, surrounded by the radio and record player – all blaring at the same time. That was learning a language by immersion Bravo-style. All of this happened before I turned 5.

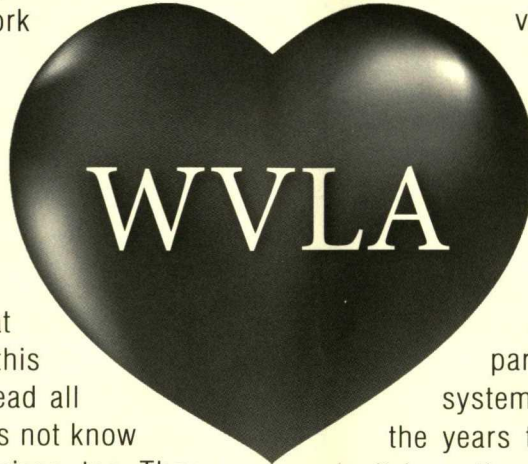
My grandparents made sure their kids had a high school diploma. That was a pinnacle of success for them. Uncle Frank went on to become the only person of Mexican descent to study and graduate at Stanford Medical

School during the Depression to become an MD. Dad got two Masters Degrees in Education and Spanish and retired as a Colonel from the Air Force. Mom became a Registered Nurse and graduated on the original D-Day. Using the library, Dad would say, is like breathing air. You just had to do it to survive in this world. Mom found that using our local library was a bit of a come-down as she was used to Chicago Public Library at that time. To a person, they all said they would not have succeeded without the help of librarians as part of their educational experience. This was also unusual because at that time, Mexicans did not receive the benefit of tolerance when it came to education – unless the educator was himself/herself an educator. Mom grew up in Texas where she was whipped regularly because she did not speak English. Dad and Uncle Francisco were often not allowed on public transportation and had to be escorted places by the military during the Zoot Suit riots of 1940s Los Angeles. But they found solace in the libraries because the feeling of welcome and tolerance was pervasive.

When I became a librarian I learned that it did not only mean reading books and magazines. There is a lot of work that goes into becoming a successful library and librarian. Books, media, facilities, book budgets, challenges to materials, staffing, people skills (trying not to be judgmental), ability to be VERY flexible and cope with whatever comes at you every day. These are only a few things that we encounter daily. You never know what to expect but you must be ready and do it with as much pleasantness as you can muster. The library and librarians must be open and receptive to people from all walks of life and all ages. This includes middle and upper class as well as people down on their luck. We must also be aware of the discrimination that some of those people experience by the middle and upper class who think they should be out looking for work instead of using the library. We know that so many people come in to read the newspaper, classifieds, job hunt, but it is sometimes difficult to convey that to others who only see someone not as well dressed or clean as they. Librarians provide a sheltering nurturing environment for EVERYONE.

Gone are the days where the image of the librarian with hair pulled severely back in a bun with a pencil stuck

out of it, plain clothes, sensible shoes (although I am finding out in my dotage that is actually a good thing), and the ever present "SHHH! You are in a library." We still quiet people but there is almost always a pleasant humming of activity. Libraries are now not just resources for recreational reading. Not only can one do job hunting but can complete online applications, search various databases for homework assignments, chat with a librarian who can direct you to the answer you are looking for, listen and learn from librarians who impart information on all sorts of subjects from electronics to learning employment skills, find out what is the next vacation hotspot, and what the best Christmas present will be this year. Librarians don't just sit and read all day long. Whoever told you that does not know a librarian! Librarians are great magicians, too. They create magic with very little or nothing at all to work with. While at Houston Public Library, a Spanish-speaking woman came in completely overcome with tears. Her daughter had disappeared and since we had a computer, we could find the daughter. It was difficult explaining to her that some computers only do certain things and that



we could not find her daughter with our computer. She was devastated. I guess librarians cannot do everything.

Libraries and librarians are also on the front lines when it comes to defending our basic freedoms. We do our best to choose materials that will provide a fair and balanced (did I just say that Bill O'Reilly???), viewpoint while trying not to show our own personal bias. We protect the patron's right to read and not be judged by the content of their reading materials. The right to privacy is also protected. This goes for children as well as adults.

Libraries and librarians are an integral part of the community and education system. I have been told so many times over the years that the school and college libraries don't have the materials the students need for their education and are told to go to the public library to get whatever they need.

Librarians are great magicians, too. They create magic with very little or nothing at all to work with. So, thank a librarian today – and hug them, too. We need the love!

Friends Division

Submitted by Cherie Davis

In 1983 the West Virginia Library Commission and the Friends Section of the West Virginia Library Association put out a booklet entitled, Friends of West Virginia Libraries. In the introduction they described what library friends are about. In this section of the booklet it tells us who the friends are and how they work with the library. These friends are people that have decided to join with the Librarian and Trustees to "strengthen and expand library services."

These Friends help to promote library services that already are in place and help the Trustees and Librarian to "increase the resources of their libraries by acquiring, through purchases, books, special equipment, and extended services not readily obtainable through the regular library budget."

The whole function of a Friends group is really advocacy for its local library. A local Friends group can help the library gain insight into the communities' needs. Friends organizations should work with the Board of Trustees, the Librarian and the library staff to accomplish the Library's goals.

"Friends of libraries have contributed to the cultural opportunities of their communities by ...countless distinguished programs."

Though this booklet was printed in March 1983, there are still many examples of how effective a local Friends group can be and how they enrich their community by donating their time and energies as advocates for their library.

If you are interested in starting a local FRIENDS, contact:
Deya Terrafranca at 304-466-4490
or Cherie Davis at 304-647-7400.

WVLA Executive Board Meeting

Submitted by Angie Strait

Dave Childers Meeting Room – WVLC March 7, 2013

The March 7, 2013 meeting of the West Virginia Library Association Executive Board was called to order at 1:30pm by President Myra Ziegler. Those in attendance included Amy Lilly, Crystal Hamrick, Brian Raitz, Myra Ziegler, Beth Royall, Gretchen Beach, Karen Goff, Penny Pugh, Cherie Davis, and Angie Strait.

Minutes from the December 7, 2012 meeting held at Pipestem State Park were approved as submitted.

President Myra Ziegler provided the President's Report. A new list of Committees was provided for the approval of the board. The following correction is to be noted: Linda Heddinger's term should run from 2012 – 2014. Beth Royall moved to accept the Committee Appointments as presented, with the noted correction. Gretchen Beach seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

President Myra also noted that the Marketing Committee needs members, and the Public Relations Committee needs members.

Myra presented Webmaster Beth Toren's resignation, and presented her replacement ad hoc committee for approval. The committee will be composed of Jessica Tapia, Steve Christo, and Beth Royall, with Jessica serving as the Webmaster. They are working diligently to get things worked out and usable. Thus far, everything looks great. Myra extended her thanks to them for stepping up and making the necessary changes on such short notice. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

President Myra addressed a question that has been raised, now that we have a web presence for making Executive Minutes available. Per her research, she believes that it is the intent of the By-Laws and the Handbook to make the minutes available to all members of WVLA. Section 4c Article 3 of the By-Laws states that current minutes will be summarized and published in the newsletter; Page 9 of the Handbook states that the WVLA Secretary will promptly submit summarized minutes to the newsletter editor for publication. Therefore, there should be no reason not to include the minutes on our website. Our meetings are open to all members; therefore the minutes should also be made available to all members.

1st Vice President Beth Royall presented her report. She has been working very hard planning for the Fall Conference. Her committee has been set and plans are underway.

1st VP Beth also reported on the availability of the Member's Area of the new website. She asked that we take special note of the Member Area with regard to dues. If your dues for the year have not been paid as of Feb. 27th, the system will not recognize you as a member. After payment has been received,

you will again have access to the Member Area.

Treasurer Brian Raitz presented the Treasurer's Report and Budget.

No changes to the budget are needed at this time to the budget approved at the last meeting. The bank statements, balance sheet, and budget analysis were sent via email to all members prior to the meeting. Everything looks good so far, financially. Only one surprise this year – the 3 Yr. Financial Bond for the Executive Board was \$500.

Checks numbered 827-846 and several electronic transfers need to be approved. Electronic transfers include Star Chapter and Huntington Bank service fees. Huntington Bank will be providing our credit card processing service. We will be able to accept online payments with the new service, and the service is cheaper than Bank of America. Brian Raitz made a motion that the financial reports be approved as presented, and checks and automatic withdrawals presented for payment be approved. Gretchen Beach 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

2nd Vice President and Membership Committee Chair Amy Lilly presented her report. Amy indicated that there has been a great deal of confusion with the online registration forms, and the forms that were mailed out. People are able to fill-in the online membership and registration forms, but they are unable to process payments yet. People are confused because the system doesn't really say they still need to mail in their payment. Beth Royall indicated that the new website changes should help the situation. Also, Amy suggests we email the membership card for those who want a card, until the website is complete, if/when email information is made available. When the website is complete, they will be able to login to their account and print their card anytime they choose. Cards will still need to be made available to those who do not have internet access, as is the case for many trustees and friends.

Legislative Committee Members were invited to attend the meeting but no member is present; however Myra Ziegler and Karen Goff have been to their meetings so they will provide the report.

We need to remember to thank the legislature for their support in working to leave the \$5 per capita in the Governor's budget for next year.

The WVLA 2013 Legislative Goals were passed around the room, and provided to all the legislators during the earlier Library Appreciation Day at the Capital.

Several different bills are being considered with regard to libraries.

HB2592 est. will create the line item for construction/renovation improvement within the state's budget.

Mandated funding for public libraries is about to be addressed as a result of the KCPL and KCBE lawsuit. KCPL has introduced a bill that would amend and reinact the old

bill regarding BOE discretionary funds. Allen Englebert's attorney has prepared the document, and it is currently being drafted. Several senators and delegates are sponsoring. It does mandate that all BOEs help to fund public libraries. The bill requires local BOE to provide 1% of all operating funds to local public libraries. We as a group don't need to act on the bill as it is a KCPL bill, but we CAN contact our legislatures and ask them to support the bill. It must be introduced by March 25th to make it through the system.

Ivonne's Public Library Division Report: Jennifer - 3.5 vendors for spring fling so far. Many regular vendors are indicating that their travel budgets have been cut, etc. AppleBooks, Innovative, NKU, .5 Heart; Baker & Taylor can't make it this year. Brian Raitz volunteered to contact Brodart and Angie Strait volunteered to contact Rod Lipscomb of Aspen Technology (former ACCESS representative).

Ivonne also reported that she has emailed Jessica Tapia the Registration Form and the Session Draft for the website. She is still working on the contract with Flatwoods. She would like to offer lunch for vendors and authors. It was asked if authors could sell their books, but not be a vendor. Beth suggested a session for authors... but the consensus was that they need to register as a vendor to sell their books.

Evening entertainment for those staying Thursday evening: A Harriet Tubman impersonator. We will be reimbursing her travel expenses. No honorarium.

Also, it was indicated that the date of March 15th for the Early Bird registration is much too soon, since we were late getting the forms out. Ivonne indicated that she will update the registration form with an April 1st deadline and get it out ASAP.

Cheri Davis provided the Friends Division Report. Her library's friends group purchased buttons for the Friends to hand out today. She sent email invitations to everyone for legislative day today. She also handed out information to others regarding starting a friends group, and there will be a very nice article about friend's in the next issue of WV Libraries.

Gretchen Beach submitted her Academic Division, Continuing Education, and Scholarship Committee reports via email prior to the meeting. No further discussion. Her reports will be filed with the minutes.

Olivia Bravo was unable to attend the meeting due to surgery, but she did provide the Roundtable Report prior to the meeting via email. There was no further discussion; the report will be filed with the minutes.

Majed Khader submitted his ALA report prior to the meeting via email. No further discussion needed. The report will be filed with the minutes.

Penny Pugh provided the WVLA Federal Relations Coordinator Report. National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. will be May 6 – 8, 2013. She would like a list of those who

plan to attend. The deadline for registration is April 26th. The Official hotel will be the Liaison Hotel on Capitol Hill. Registration is \$30 per person.

Capwiz Update – Penny reported that she does now have the password and the errors have been fixed. Our page no longer reflects Florida rather than WV. She will send her information to Jessica Tapia so that everything will be synced up with the WVLA website.

Myra also indicated that she hopes to get the WVLA listserv figured out soon; Star Chapter is supposed to be able to run it.

SELA representative Deborah Musser was unable to attend the meeting. She provided her report to Angie Strait to be submitted on her behalf. Deborah reported that SELA has voted to have a conference every year, rather than every other year. The 2013 conference will be held in conjunction with the South Carolina Library Association. The conference will be held November 13-15 in Greenville, SC at the West Poinsett Hotel.

Karen Goff provided the WVLC report. It appears that the \$5 we gained in the budget last year will kept in the Governor's budget, despite cuts in other areas. This will allow the GIA to be restored to last year's level. The WVLC absorbed the difference in the 7.5% budget cut for next year's budget.

Karen indicated that she has had no questions about "router gate". Some of the routers will be moved if we get a 5% Federal fund cut. We may see as much as 9% in cuts because of the sequester. No one really knows what will be affected at this point in time. LSTA funds pay for internet, databases, etc. IMLS has not stated that they will make cuts, but word is they will have to. Tech Services and the databases are paid for with both state and federal money.

Legislative Reception Day, March 21st, is launch day for "everyone on". The goal is to get everyone on the internet. It is a broad campaign to grow internet literacy. There will be some events at the reception, including database training and device information, etc. There may also be t-shirts, flyers, etc. FCC is sponsoring the program, and it is an Ad Council Campaign. It is scheduled to run for three years.

2012 statistical reports have been uploaded to the WVLC website.

Also, the WVLC has partnered with the Community Connect Foundation to provide training to area residents. The grant received provides for internet literacy training sessions, and \$7,000 to purchase non-fiction e-books.

Committee Reports: Gretchen Beach provided her reports in advance, as did Olivia Bravo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Angie Strait, Secretary, WVLA**

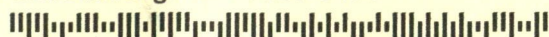
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Calendar of Events

Note: The dates for the West Virginia Library Commission are tentative.

Please check with the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda, and minutes at www.librarycommission.lib.wv.us

July 2013

21-24 American Association of Law Librarians
"Learn, Connect, Grow" Boston, MA

September 2013

Library Card Sign-Up Month
<http://www.ala.org/librarycardsignup>

22-28 Banned Books Week
<http://ala.org/bbooks>

October 2013

9-11 WVLA Annual Conference
Clarion Inn, Shepherdstown, WV

13-19 Teen Read Week
Seek the Unknown @ your library
teenreadweek.ning.com

20-26 National Friends of Library Week